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<b>PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:</b>	<b>BOARD OF PODIATRY</b>
<b>MEETING DATE AND TIME:</b>	<b>Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>PLACE:</b>	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Cannon Building, Second Floor- <b>Conference Room B</b>
<b>MINUTES APPROVED:</b>	09/07/2016

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Harold Gruber, President, Professional Member  
Dr. James Bray, Professional Member  
Dr. Jason Kline, Professional Member  
Teresa Wilson, Public Member (5:05 p.m. – 5:35 p.m.)

**MEMBER ABSENT**

Amy Kratz, Public Member

**DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General  
Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist III

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Gruber called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the March 2, 2016 Board meeting. Dr. Bray moved, seconded by Dr. Kline, to approve the meeting minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ratification of Assignments/Assigned Board Contact

The Board was informed that Dr. Bray has been assigned as a Board contact for Case 15-01-15.

Ratification of Applications for Licensure by Reciprocity

Dr. Bray moved, seconded by Dr. Kline to ratify the following podiatrist applications for licensure by reciprocity, as the applicants have met the requirements for licensure. Motion unanimously carried.

Mary Loftus    Chantel Sanford

Ratification of Application for Licensure by Direct Application

Dr. Bray moved, seconded by Dr. Kline, to ratify the following podiatrist application, as the applicant has met the requirements for licensure effective June 30, 2016, the license will be issued after the official date of residency completion. Motion unanimously carried.

Peter Larned

Consideration of Chief Hearing Officer's Recommendations

The Board reviewed and considered the Chief Hearing Officer's recommendations for Michael DiFrancesca D.P.M. Dr. DiFrancesca submitted written comments and supplemental documentation for the Board's review. Dr. Bray moved, seconded by Dr. Kline, to accept the conclusions of law and findings of fact, but to modify the recommended discipline to reflect the following: Dr. DiFrancesca will receive a letter of reprimand for his failure to comply with the provisions of 24 Del. C. §508(d); a \$250.00 monetary fine will be imposed, and must be paid by him within 30 days of the signed order, and that the disciplinary action be reported to the National Practitioner Data Base. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed and considered the Chief Hearing Officer's recommendations for Peter Fazio D.P.M. Dr. Gruber moved, seconded by Dr. Kline, to accept the conclusions of law and findings of fact, but to modify the discipline to reflect the recommended discipline to reflect a fine of \$500.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Review List of Crimes Substantially Related to Podiatry

Ms. Singh advised the Board that Governor Markell executed Executive Order 60, on April 20, 2016. The purpose of the order is to identify ways that create potential barriers for licensure. Ms. Singh has requested that the Board review the list of crimes deemed substantially related to the practice of nursing, to see if any of the crimes are outdated or could be eliminated. The Board reviewed the list, and made modifications to the list of crimes. Dr. Bray moved, seconded by Dr. Kline, to accept the modified list of crimes substantially related to the practice of podiatry and to move forward with the process of making appropriate regulatory changes. Motion unanimously carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)**

There was no other business before the Board.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Review Correspondence from Dr. Rene Peterson Regarding Admitting Privileges

Ms. Williams advised the Board that she received an inquiry from Dr. Peterson inquiring if podiatrists had admitting privileges to hospitals, and according to Dr. Peterson, several years ago podiatrists were unable to obtain admitting privileges. The Board and Ms. Singh advised Ms. Williams that there is no language within the statute and rules and regulations that prevents podiatrists from obtaining privileges, as it is a hospital's decision as to whether or not a podiatrist has privileges.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

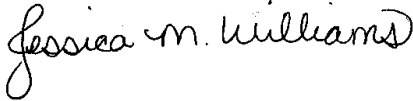
**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next scheduled board meeting is September 7, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in Conference Room “B” of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware, 19904.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessica M. Williams".

Jessica M. Williams  
Administrative Specialist III